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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form PTO-1449.

Each document listed in this IDS was first cited in a communication from the Korean Patent Office on June 25, 2002, in counterpart foreign application No. 10-2000-0033206. This IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. A copy of the communication and an English language translation is provided. An English language abstract is provided as a statement of relevance for:

1) Japanese Patent No. 11-039795, and 2) Japanese Patent No. 10-079174. An English translation of the Office Action from the Korean Patent Office as well as a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,825,875 are enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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